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Navy ships make Grey Cup wager

CFL Two of the Canadian Navy's warships are getting into the spirit of the Grey Cup by exchanging a challenge on behalf of their namesake cities.

West coast-based HMCS Regina and HMCS Montreal, which is stationed in Halifax, have agreed to fly the opposing club's flag from their most prominent vard arm should their team lose the Canadian Football league's title game in Calgary on Sunday.

The crew of the Regina says it has proudly hoisted the Roughriders flag and is suggesting Montreal do the same for seven days should the Alouettes lose the game.

The Montreal's crew has accepted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Family pushes flu vaccine

Stephen Nolan's survivors urge H1N1 shot for all, even healthy people

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The family of a 46-year-old Halifax man who died Wednesday after contracting the H1N1 flu virus is pleading with the public to heed the advice of health officials and get vaccinated.

Stephen Nolan was an otherwise-healthy outdoor enthusiast and marine bizest for life, his fami-

ly said in a release issued Thursday after-"Stephen's family

wants to emphasize the fact that healthy people with no risk factors who think they may not need Stephen Nolan the vaccine should

get themselves immunized," said the release. "There are no risks to the

ologist with an incredible vaccine and treating the disease after the emergence of symp-

> toms may be too little, too late.' The family also thanked the staff at the QEII Health Sci-

ences Centre for their efforts to save Nolan's life after he was admitted to the intensive care unit with severe symptoms.

Dr. Robert Strang, the

province's chief medical health officer, echoed the family's sentiments and urged people to get the shot as soon as possible.

"This is the first (case like this) in Nova Scotia, but about a third of deaths across Canada are in people that were previously healthy," Strang said. "This is not meant to scare or alarm people, but everybody is at some level of risk for this disease ... and immunized.

There have now been a total of six deaths in the province due to H1N1, but Strang maintained Nova Scotia is on the downward slope of the pandemic's second wave.

"It's not unusual at all with influenza to see that time lag between overall disease activity and the indicators of severe disease,' he said.



lice have taken over the investigation. Story, page 3.

Harper will attend climate conference

ENVIRONMENT Prime Minister Stephen Harper has changed course and will attend a United Nations conference next month with some 65 other world leaders, despite asserting no deal on climate change is imminently achievable.

The Conservatives have consistently played down expectations for the Copenhagen conference, where it was hoped the global community would agree on a post-2012 accord to reduce

greenhouse-gas emissions. Earlier this month, Denmark formally invited 191 government leaders and heads of state to Denmark to push along the negotiations for a successor treaty to the Kyoto Protocol.

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School board chair re-elected

Irvine Carvery, left, has been re-elected as chair of the Halifax Regional School Board. Carvery won by acclamation at Wednesday night's regular board meeting in Dartmouth after no other nominations were received. Board member Steve Brine was also re-elected as vice-chair by acclamation. Including Carvery and Brine, the HRSB has a total of nine sitting members.



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News in brief

ASSAULT A 44-year-old man was assaulted and robbed by a group of people while walking home in the area of 270 Willett St. in Clayton Park early Thursday morning. Police say as the victim was walking home around 12:55 a.m., he passed a group of people and was struck from behind and knocked to the ground, where he continued to be assaulted and had his wallet stolen. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Police have made no arrests.

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Arson suspected in blaze

No one injured in fire at Dartmouth Hooters restaurant

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Owl enthusiasts looking for a meal are out of luck after a Dartmouth Hooters restaurant caught fire in a suspected arson Thursday morning.

The business famous for hot wings and hot pants was empty at the time of the blaze and no one was

People in the parking lot of the nearby Swiss Chalet reported smoke coming from the Main Street building shortly after 7 a.m. After firefighters extin-

guished the flames, investigators deemed the fire suspicious. The investigation was turned over to Halifax Regional Police.

Officials said the building suffered substantial

damage.

"There was some fairly significant fire inside there," said Capt. Dave Meldrum of Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services. "There's water and smoke damage on both floors and fire damage as well."

Within a couple hours,

some Hooters employees had gathered in a nearby



A firefighter wraps up a hose after a fire at the Hooters in Dartmouth Thursday morning. No one was in the building at the time. However, the interior of the building was significantly damaged.

parking lot.

They said they hadn't heard anything about the cause of the fire but weren't very happy about missing work. They said the manager of the restaurant was currently in Hamilton, Ont.

Hooters manager James couldn't

reached for comment by Thursday night.

The building has caught fire several times in recent years - one Hooters employee said this is the fourth fire while Meldrum confirmed there were "at least a couple" more. This was the first fire in the building since it became a

Hooters restaurant.

At the peak of the response, five fire trucks and up to 25 firefighters were on scene.

Fire officials are still investigating where and how the fire started. They haven't released any results other than that it is considered suspicious.

Police considering charges after consensual fight

INJURED Halifax Regional Police are considering whether to lay charges after an 18-year-old male suffered serious head injuries after getting into a consensual fight with another man in Halifax on Wednesday night. Police say at 7:30 p.m.,

they were called to the 1100 block of Tower Road. Upon arrival, they found the 18-year-old bleeding from the head.

He was taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax and as of yesterday remained in hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries.

Police say the victim told them he engaged in a consensual fight with a person he knows and was subsequently injured.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said officers have spoken once with the victim, but will do so again to determine whether charges will be laid. METRO HALIFAX



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Beaver Bank murder case adjourned until January

CRIME The case of a Beaver Bank man charged with second-degree murder in the death of a Lower Sackville woman earlier this month has been adjourned until early next

Kevin Glen Downing, 46, was scheduled to have a date set for a preliminary hearing Thursday morning at Dartmouth provincial court, but it was adjourned until Jan. 29 after the Crown agreed to a defence motion for a delay.

Downing is charged in the murder of Rose Marie Brown, who was discovered inside an apartment at 533 Beaver Bank Rd on the morning of Nov. 10.

Police have not said how

she died.

Downing, a carpenter by trade with no criminal record, first appeared in court on the charges Nov. 13. He is being remanded at the Burnside jail.

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Tractor-trailer crash prompts shutdown of Highway 102

A section of Highway 102 was closed Thursday morning to allow officials to remove a tractor-trailer that left the road Wednesday night. The single-vehicle crash occurred around 10:20 p.m. between Exit 11 (Stewiacke) and 12 (Brookfield). The driver was taken to hospital with undetermined injuries. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Charges laid in fraud at health authorities

CHARGES Police in the Annapolis Valley have laid charges against a man for allegedly defrauding three health districts.

Annapolis Valley Health, along with South Shore and South West Health noticed some irregularities in their accounting earlier this month and reported them to police.

Cary Lee Hollett of Belmont, an Annapolis Valley health employee, faces three counts of fraud over \$5.000.

Kentville police allege the health districts were defrauded of nearly \$400,000 over a three-year period.

Hollett is expected to appear in court Dec. 14.

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\$400,000

The Annapolis Valley Health, South Shore and South West Health authorities were allegedly defrauded of almost \$400,000 over a three-year period.

Probe into shooting uncovers drugs

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Halifax Regional Police say a Woodside resident was shot in the chest as he tried to keep three assailants out of his home on Wednesday night.

Officers were called to 532 Pleasant St. to find a 50-year-old man with a single bullet wound to his chest. The man was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries but wouldn't co-operate with police.

Police say they believe three men attempted to force open the victim's door at about 8:20 p.m. When they were prevented by the 50-year-old a single shot was fired through his door.

When police arrived, the victim wouldn't allow nvestigators to enter his home, which sits across from South Woodside Elementary School. A warrant was then acquired and after entering found evidence of drug activity.

"A secondary warrant under the controlled drugs



Police were called to 532 Pleasant St. (inset photo) Wednesday night in relation to a shooting. A 50-year-old man was shot in the chest after a suspect fired a bullet through his door, pictured above. Police found some marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside.

and substances act was obtained," said police

spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter. "That was exe-

cuted and as a result of that a quantity of marijua-

"Certainly, we will be looking to see if these two facts are linked."

Const. Brian Palmeter, on separate shooting and drug investigations

na and other paraphernalia was located and seized."

"We currently have two investigations as a result of this incident. One is in regards to the shooting and the second is in regard to the drugs that were discovered. Certainly we will be looking to see if these two facts are linked."

Next-door neighbours to the house said they didn't hear anything at the time and only noticed when police arrived on scene.

Police continue to investigate and said they do not believe the shooting was a random one.

"While we can't necessarily confirm that the victim knew his assailants, we do believe he was specifically targeted," Palmeter said.



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The gilded era is alive again this Christmas season. Kenneth McRobbie, President & Design Director of McRobbie Design Group, has used crystal, gold and purple hues to accentuate the 18th century-inspired interior.











Pictou County man accused of murder held over holidays

CHARGES A Pictou County man accused of first-degree murder will be spending Christmas in custody. Bernard Frederick Hartling, 35, was led into a packed courtroom Thursday morning, filled with his family members and the family members of the victim, Kenneth Gregory McNamara, 30.

Hartling was arrested last week in the Nov. 14 death of McNamara, who was found dead on the Glen Road East in Central Caribou outside of his home. Hartling, who had been remanded into custody at the Burnside Correctional Facility after his arraignment last week,

Hearing

• The show cause hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 7.

will remain there for more than a month.

Supreme Court Justice Nick Scaravelli continued a no contact order issued by the provincial court last week, which forbids Hartling to have contact with a long list of potential witnesses, including members of McNamara's family and his pregnant girlfriend. Exceptions included members of Hartling's own family.

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RCMP issue warning over Paypal fraud

Halifax RCMP have issued an Internet fraud warning to anyone buying and selling items on websites.

Police say recently a victim placed several watches and a camera up for sale online. The suspect buying the items suggested using PayPal to make the payment, with the victim then receiving an email they thought was from the payment website. It said the money had been received, but they would only deposit the funds into her account after she provided

them with the tracking number showing the items were shipped.

The package was then sent to an address in Nigeria. When the victim didn't see the funds in her account, she contacted Pay-Pal and was told they hadn't received any funds or sent her her any emails.

Police are advising the public to contact PayPal through a separate email or by phone to ensure the money has been deposited before shipping sold items.

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The Spryfield Santa Claus Parade is set for this Sunday afternoon. The parade begins at Punch Bowl Drive at 2 p.m. and continues along Herring Cove Road to Dentith Road before concluding at South Centre Mall. Anyone interested, there is still room for parade entries. METRO HALIFAX

Holidays Antique lighting



Calvin Blades, manager of the Waverley Inn, puts some Christmas decorations on a replica Model-T Thursday. The Model-T was built in Shelburne and is part of this year's Christmas display at the Barrington Street inn.

Doc raises flu clinic questions

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A Halifax doctor had some tough questions for the Halifax Regional School Board on Wednesday night, telling board members he was concerned about how HRSB handled the second wave of the H1N1 pandemic in area schools.

Dr. Paul W. Bennett, director of the Schoolhouse Consulting Group in Halifax.

said schools should have been an integral part of based H1N1 flu the swine flu vaccine roll- clinics?"

"Other provinces

have chosen to involve school boards in the administration of immunization campaigns from the very beginning," Bennett members. board "Why did the HRSB, and particularly (the province's chief medical health officer Dr. Robert Strang), rule out schoolbased H1N1 flu clinics?"

Bennett, who gave a 10minute presentation at the board meeting in Dartmouth, said he's not interested in laying blame, but simply felt there are "some questions that need

Flu **Outbreak**

to be asked."

Why did the HRSB,

... rule out school-

Dr. Paul W. Bennett

He suggested school-aged children were identified as a high-risk group, parents could have at least been sent a consent form to sign indicating their child could be vaccinated in school - a strategy implemented in New Brunswick.

But board member Gina Conrad said Nova Scotia

shouldn't be compared to other jurisdictions.

be-"Iust cause someone else does it, does mean that we have to

do it?" she asked.

HRSB senior staff advisor Judy White added opening clinics in schools was considered, but ultimately the vaccine supply shortage made it impossible. "(Health officials) have

always worked from a priority list ... and were trying to get the vaccine to those who needed it the most," she told Bennett.

"We basically said we would do whatever we could to help, but we can't do a five-week shutdown in one particular school."

Atlantic drivers best on ice: Poll

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In the drivers seat, 94

age of Atlantic Canadian women who are confident in their winter driving skills.

per cent of people from Atlantic Canada surveyed said they take it slow in icy or snowy conditions.

Atlantic Canadian women are especially con-

fident in their winter driving skills — 89 per cent compared to a national average of 82 per cent.

The online survey conducted on Nov. 10 and 11 through Angus Reid Strategies randomly selected 1,027 residents and has a margin of error is 3.1 per cent.

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News in brief

FISHING Nova Scotia lobster fishermen are changing the way they fish to protect the endangered right whale, World Wildlife Fund Canada said Thursday. The WWF said fishermen in southwest Nova Scotia would now abide by maximum rope lengths and setting practices that keep ropes low and tight to prevent entanglement. Entanglement is one of the biggest threats to the right whale. Only 400 North Atlantic right whales remain, making it one of the most endangered on the planet. METRO HALIFAX



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New MP to make federal funding announcements

New Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley MP Scott Armstrong is making two federal funding announcements on Friday, one in Colchester County and another in Amherst. Armstrong was sworn in as an MP this week after winning a federal byelection earlier this month. METRO HALIFAX

News in brief

LOAN The Nova Scotia government has given a \$2.5-million loan guarantee to a seafood processor in southwestern Nova Scotia. D.B. Kennev Fisheries Ltd. will get the financial help through the cabinet-administered Industrial Expansion Fund. In a release. Economic Development Minister Percy Paris says the loan will help maintain 70 jobs at the familyrun business in Digby County. The province says the seafood processor has sales of about \$15 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police kick off holiday drunk-driving patrols

HOLIDAYS Law-enforcement agencies from across the province gathered Thursday morning in Bridgewater for the annual launch of Operation Christmas, a campaign to reduce impaired driving during the holiday season.

Each year, the provincial government, Nova Scotia police agencies and members of MADD Canada come together in hopes of making drunk driving a thing of the past.

Checkpoints targeting impaired drivers were placed in Bridgewater to begin the provincewide campaign. Various checkpoints will be established at different times and locations over the next five weeks - for enforcement and to remind drivers to plan ahead in getting home safely from holi-

day gatherings.
"Each and every Nova Scotian can do their part to impaired driving," MADD Canada president Margaret Miller said in a release. "The really disturbing thing is that each and every death and injury is 100 per cent preventable."

A month ago, the province passed a new law that will increase suspension time for people who reach 0.5 on a roadside breathalyzer test.

In the first 11 months of 2009, there have been 17 deaths from accidents involving impaired drivers in Nova Scotia.

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Halifax will be hosting the three-day 2009 Tourism Summit -The Evolution of Tourism beginning Sunday at the World Trade

Modernizing N.S. tourism

Halifax hosting 3-day summit

ALY THOMSON

Transportation and access to the province are only a few of the issues to be addressed at a three-day Nova Scotia tourism conference that begins

Sunday in Halifax.

Darlene Grant Fiander, president of the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia, said the industry is struggling with transportation issues and access into the province, citing Nova Scotia's ferry service is under constant threat of discontinuation

Fiander said technology has changed the way people plan and book their travels and Nova Scotia has to get with the times.

"The world has gotten a lot smaller," Fiander said. "It's no longer they'll buy what we have, we have to give them what they want."

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• The Evolution of Tourism conference will take place at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Halifax from Sunday through Tues-

Coming week

Fiander said a new national strategy for tourism would be revealed at the conference, which is titled The Evolution of Tourism.

The tourism industry generates \$1.3 billion in revenue for the province and employs more than 40,000 people.

In July, a month that hosted big events such as the Tall Ships, Paul McCartney and Kiss, the province saw a 20 per cent spike in visitors from July 2008. Fiander said festivals and events are "definitely part of the whole economic engine for tourism."

"Festivals and events are crucial. People don't come to stay at a hotel or motel, they come to experience the place.

The conference will feature a series of keynote speakers addressing ways to enhance and improve the tourism industry, including David Adjey, a Food Network celebrity chef, and Michele Mckenzie, president and CEO of the Canadian Tourism Commission.





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Soldier's diary tells of **Acadian deportation**

Transcript depicts witness account in 1755

Decade-long study

Transcripts from a diary kept by a young American soldier fighting for the British is giving historians a new twist on the deportation of Acadians from the Maritimes in the 18th century.

In 1755, 30-year-old Jeremiah Bancroft signed up for one year as a militiaman with the British military.

He kept an almost-daily diary of his service, which took him from Boston to Beausejour, N.B., and later to Grand Pre, where he participated in the deportation of Acadians.

A transcript of the diary was found by historical archeologist Jonathan Fowler and was publicly dis-played Thursday at Saint Mary's University by Fowler and Earle Lockerby, an expert on the deportation.

The deportation forced the French Acadian population from Nova Scotia after it refused to swear an oath of loyalty to the British.

 Jonathan Fowler first discovered the typed transcripts, transcribed in 1925, at the Nova Scotia Archives in the mid-1990s. Bancroft's original diary hasn't been found. Fowler and his students at St. Mary's have studied the tran-

Bancroft was a junior officer to Lt.-Col. John Winslow, whose own diary provides much of what is known about the deportation, which displaced about 7,000 Acadians in 1755 to Britain, Louisiana and France.

script for 10 years.

The diary also fills in historical gaps at Grand Pre from mid-November to the end of December, when Winslow left Grand Pre for Halifax.

Bancroft's account of the time differs from the diary kept by Winslow. Bancroft was lower down the chain of command and had no

reputation at stake, said Fowler, who teaches at Saint Mary's. He called the British soldiers in Bancroft's account "weekend warriors" who were not good at following orders.

In one passage, Bancroft describes the reactions by Acadian men who learn that they're losing land and cattle, and the guilt he feels in his role as enforcer.

His writing is often ungrammatical and plagued with spelling mistakes, but the feelings he conveys are clear, such as a passage dated Sept. 5, 1755, when Bancroft writes, "Seing them-selves so Decoyed the shame and confusion of face together with Anger so altered their countenense that it cant be expressd."

Bancroft's witness account tells of a shooting and of escapes by Acadians, in-cluding one by two men fleeing a church, which was not previously known.

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A Ryder of church energy

Ahead of weekend shows, singer says churches are 'intense' place to perform

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Anyone lucky enough to have scored tickets to Serena Ryder's two sold-out shows in Halifax this weekend can expect to witness a little bit of magic.

ic.
The affable, Ontarioborn songstress is set to hit the stage at St. Matthew's United Church Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. Ryder told Metro Halifax in a recent interview performing in a place of worship is always an "intense" experience.

"I adore the energy that happens in churches," she said. "There's something that seems to have sunk into the walls, into the wood, into the stained glass."

Add to that the nearly perfect acoustics, and Ryder said there's really no better venue for listening or performing.

The Halifax shows are



Canadian music star Serena Ryder is performing back-to-back sold-out shows in Halifax Friday and Saturday night at St. Matthew's United Church.

just the most recent stop on an eight-week tour that will take the 25-year-old across the U.S. and Canada to showcase her sixth album, is it o.k. "I love Halifax," said Ryder, who played Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Room back in March. "I know so many awesome people have come out of there as

musicians. People seem to just hang out there ... it's kind of insane."

Ryder has already made an indelible impression in Canada — taking home the 2008 Juno award for Best New Artist — but is just beginning to make her mark in the U.S., where is it o.k. had its release just a few weeks ago.

"This has been a really long tour, and it's been great ... but I'm looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and playing in front of people who actually know my music," she said of her long-awaited return to Canadian soil. "There's a familiarity that comes as you build those relationships."

A self-confessed music junkie, Ryder said she still finds it "weird" to listen to her own blend of folk, roots, country and pop. But she's had no problem sitting down to write while on the road, and says fans can look forward to some new material.

"I've been writing a lot, but it will still probably be a while before it's actually done," she said. "Hopefully I'll have at least another year of touring."

Cabot Trail stars in new Plaskett tune

MUSIC The rocky shores and rolling hills of the Cabot Trail now have a rock 'n' roll song to call their own.

On the Rail — written and performed by Halifax's Joel Plaskett was officially released this week as part of CBC Radio 2's Great Canadian Song Ouest. Earli-

er this fall, Plaskett was one of 13 songwriters chosen to create a song about one of 13 locations across Cana-

Joel Plaskett

da, as voted by the public. Each had just four weeks to write and record a song.

"It's rare that a writer gets to create something and have it go public so quickly because you might write a song and then gig it live once or twice ... and then you record it and it comes out six or eight months later. So in that way it was really kinda refreshing," he

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Police in Newfoundland and Labrador have arrested the owner of a company allegedly involved in the province's legislative spending scandal. In June 2006, the province's auditor general alleged that \$2.7 million in public money was misappropriated. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Saskatchewan to protect ponies

Saskatchewan has passed a law to protect wild ponies in the province's northwest. The law says that no person shall wilfully molest, interfere with, hurt, capture or kill any of the ponies that live in the Bronson forest northeast of Lloydminster. Saskatchewan Party MLA Tim McMillan says the law should help protect the ponies from being wiped out. The herd has dwindled from 150 to less than 40 and nearby ranchers recently found "piles of dead animals." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Afghan governor investigated for torture: Official

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PRISONERS Canadian officials investigated claims that Kandahar's former governor was involved in torture but uncovered no evidence to prove it, a senior federal official said Thurs-

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day. Claims that Asadullah Khalid was involved in of prisoners "widespread in Afghanistan," David Mulroney told a special House of Commons committee.

The federal government asked officials at the Canadian-run provincial reconstruction base in Kandahar to investigate the allegations that the governor ran

a series of torture chambers.

"We could not find any evidence that we could bring to the Afghan government about this," said Mulroney. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lindhout safely taken to Kenya

\$700K ransom allegedly paid to Somali kidnappers

Freed after 15 tortuous months in captivity in Somalia, Canadian freelancer Amanda Lindhout and another foreign journalist arrived Thursday in neighbouring Kenya amid claims that a \$700,000 ransom was paid for their release.

Lindhout and Australian photographer Nigel Brennan flew out of the Somali capital of Mogadishu in a chartered plane, said Somalia's National Security Minister Mohamed Abdullahi.

Amanda Canada's ambassa- Lindhout dor to Kenya said the pair was receiving medical care in the capital city of Nairobi.

"They are receiving the best possible care they can," Ross Hynes told The Associated Press. He declined to give more details.

Sarah Geddes, a spokesperson for Lind-hout's family, said the journalists have been safely reunited with family members already in Nairobi.

"Amanda's parents are overjoyed and request continued privacy for the family while they focus on Amanda and her transition back to normal life," the spokesperson said.

"They will return to Canada as soon as Amanda is fit to fly home."

In a statement from Ottawa, Prime Minister Stephen Harper acknowledged Lindhout's release.

which he described as a great relief to all Canadians.

"Ms. Lindhout has been through an exdifficult tremely time; we are thankful that she will soon be reunited with her family and friends,' Harper said.

A Somali police officer and a legislator, both speaking late Wednesday on condition of anonymity, said a \$700,000 ransom was paid — a claim that was impossible to independently verify.

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Feds to toughen prison transfers

SENTENCE The Harper government introduced legislation Thursday to make it tougher for Canadians imprisoned abroad to serve out their sentences in Canada.

The bill would expand the conditions prisoners must meet before being allowed to obtain transfers to Canadian jails.

things, Among other they would have to satisfy

the government that they pose no threat to public safety, that they've taken part in rehabilitation programs, have co-operated with law-enforcement agencies and accepted responsibility for crimes.

"Right now, the law emphasizes the interests of the criminal," Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan said THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

NAKED Three topless female protesters have tested the limits of artistic freedom at a

protest outside the B.C. legislature against government cuts to the arts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Humane Society staff facing charges

Five Toronto Humane Society staff members are to be charged with cruelty to animals, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Stem cells used to heal lungs of rats

Research could help newborn babies

headed by a University of Alberta résearcher has used stem cells to heal and protect the lungs of newborn rats — research that could help premature babies with chronic lung disease.

Dr. Bernard Thebaud's team injected stem cells from bone marrow into the rats' airways Two weeks later the rodents were running twice as far on treadmills and had better survival rates.

The stems cells acted like tiny damage control factories, pumping out a healing liquid that scientists are working to understand.

"That healing liquid seems to boost the power of healthy lung cells and helps them to repair the lungs, said Thebaud, who is also a specialist at Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital neonatal intensive

"The human implication is that we envision a stem cell-based treatment for these babies that suffer from chronic lung disease."

Babies who are born extremely prematurely can't breathe on their own and need help for their lungs to develop properly. About half of babies born before 28 weeks get chronic lung disease, a condition that can affect lung capacity as

they grow up.
Thebaud and his team's findings are to be published Dec. 1 in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine and are already attracting international attention. The team included researchers from Montreal, France and the U.S.

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B.C. Liberals think Olympics will end their woes

GAMES B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell's Liberals are in an Olympic party mood after enduring an autumn season of bad news at the legislature.

The Liberals might be looking for a big snow bank to dump their deficit budget before gleefully into a Winter sliding Games celebration that puts the emphasis on fun during fiscal hard times.

The Liberals ended a fall legislative session Thursday that saw the govern-ment pass a record deficit

budget that included deep cuts in grants to social, sport and volunteer organizations.

But now the Liberals are predicting an Olympic gold rush after months of tough questions by the opposition. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Iggy looks a little green

PM steals his thunder on the environment

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff was outlining green policies in a wide ranging speech Thursday when his chief rival swooped in to steal his thunder.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper let it be known right in the middle of Ignatieff's speech — that he will attend the global climate conference in Copenhagen alongside U.S. President Barack Obama.

Ignatieff was in the middle of telling a Quebec audience he favours a capand-trade system in which companies would make money by going green, and polluters would need to

Ígnatieff said he hopes such a plan would fit into a global system, and work in conjunction with any plan set up in the U.S.

Harper's spokesperson Dimitri Soudas said the

prime minister decided to go to Copenhagen after U.S. President Barack Obama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announced their attendance.

Soudas said Harper's decision was based on the fact that now "a critical mass of world leaders will

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The Tories have consistently downplayed expectations for the conference.

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Cuba begins military exercises

Cuba's armed forces launched three days of intense military exercises across the island Thursday, a mobilization that state-controlled media says is designed to guard against an American invasion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



World



Rice brought up Iraq on 9-11: Ambassador

Former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice raised the issue of Iraq with the United Kingdom hours after the Sept. 11 attacks, Britain's former ambassador told an inquiry into the Iraq war Thursday. Christopher Meyer said he spoke with Rice on Sept. 11, 2001. At the time, she was still President George W. Bush's national security adviser. "She said there's no doubt this was an al-Qaeda operation, we are just looking to see if there could possibly be any connection with Saddam Hussein," Meyer told the panel.

Revelations rock Ireland

Report says church covered up decades of child abuse

Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland covered up decades of child abuse by priests in order to protect the church's reputation, an expert commission reported Thursday after a threeyear investigation.

Abuse victims welcomed the commission's report on the Dublin Archdiocese's mishandling of child abuse cases - one of several government investigations into chronic child rape, beatings and other cruelty in Catholic-run schools, children's workhouses and orphanages from 1975 to 2004. The government said the investigation "shows clearly that a systemic, calculated perversion of power and trust was visited on helpless and innocent children in the archdiocese.'

"The perpetrators must continue to be brought to

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justice, and the people of Ireland must know that this can never happen again," the government said, also apologizing for the state's failure to hold church authorities accountable to the law.

This is the second major government-ordered report this year exploring why authorities permitted widespread abuse of boys and girls at the hands of the Catholic Church throughout most of the 20th century, the gravest scandal in the history of independent Ireland. The 720-page re-

port — delivered to the government in July but released Thursday — analyzes the cases of 46 priests against whom 320 complaints were filed.

The 46 were selected from more than 150 Dublin priests implicated in molesting or raping boys and girls since 1940. Eleven priests convicted of child abuse are named in the report, but 33 are referred to by aliases and two have their names blacked out because they have yet to face justice. The report rejected past bishops' key claim that they were ignorant of both the scale and criminality of priests' abuse of children, showing that the Dublin Archdiocese negotiated a 1987 insurance policy for future legal costs of defending lawsuits and compensation claims.

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News in brief

ITALY Premier Silvio Berlusconi's estranged wife is seeking \$65 million US a year in alimony in a divorce case she launched after her husband was embroiled in a sex scandal, a bid that was immediately rejected by the billionaire media mogul, an Italian newspaper reported Thurs day. Veronica Lario's lawyer, Maria Cristina Morelli, declined to comment on the report in Corriere della Sera.

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Australia plans to shoot 6,000 camels

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Mayor turns self in, denies murders

PHILIPPINES Under threat of military attack, the leader of the clan suspected in the slaughter of 57 people in the southern Philippines turned himself in Thursday, and prosecutors say he will face murder charges in the country's worst election violence ever. Andal Ampatuan Jr., a town mayor, maintains he had nothing to do with the ambush of a convoy carrying his political rival's family, supporters and at least 22 iournalists.

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14 WORLd Iran brought espionage charges against an Espionage charge filed Iranian-American scholar Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zelaya dealt

mitted its opinion six days before Congress is scheduled to vote on Zelava's fate as part of a U.S.-brokered agreement to end the political crisis over a Iune coup.

The justices concluded that Zelaya should not be him, Supreme guirre said.

Zelaya, who has been holed up in the Brazilian Embassy since sneaking back into the country from his forced exile Sept. 21, has declared the U.S.backed pact a failure, arguing Congress is violating the spirit of the agreement

dential elections Sunday to decide his future.

The agreement called for the formation of a unity government but left the decision on restoring Zelaya up to Congress, which was given the option of consulting the Supreme Court and other institutions.

The Supreme Court justices had initially deemed Zelaya's ouster legal because he violated court orders to cancel a referendum on rewriting the constitution.

Opponents say Zelaya wanted to lift a ban on presidential re-election; Zelaya denies that was his

Soldiers arrested Zelaya and whisked him out the country at gunpoint on June 28. Hours later, Congress voted to back his ouster.

Western Hemisphere countries, once united in condemning the coup, are divided on whether to recognize the elections, which had been scheduled before Zelaya's ouster.

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another blow

The Honduran Supreme **Court recommended** Thursday that lawmakers vote against restoring ousted President Manuel Zelaya, another blow for his quickly fading chances of returning to power. The Supreme Court sub-

to power," Izaguirre said.

by waiting until after presi-

Questions continue over brain-damaged man

BELGIUM Rom Houben's mother remembers her son's amazement when he finally started communicating again after spending 23 years locked in a paralyzed body that was misdiagnosed as vegetative.

"Early on, he was surprised that the words came out of his finger," Fina Nicolaes said. "Now, he is busy writing a book."

However, his communication, with the help of a speech therapist holding his hand punching a touch screen, is stirring controversy only days after the story of his comeback as a fully conscious man entombed in an immobile body captured the world's imagina-

It has scholars question-

Communication

 Doctors point out that it has been three years since Houben was discovered to be conscious and he has had much time to improve his communication skills. In the early stages they were basic and through practice he has been able to communicate as fluidly as he does now, they say.

ing the technique of facilitated communication, bloggers denouncing it as a cruel farce, and millions asking as they watch the video of Houben's hand being held as it quickly types into the screen — who is really doing the punching here?

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restored to the presidency because he has criminal charges pending against Court spokesman Danilo Iza-

"While he faces judicial charges, he cannot return

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NUCLEAR The outgoing head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Thursday his probe of Iran's nuclear program is at "a dead end" and that trust in Tehran's credibility is shrinking after its belated revelation that it was secretly building a nuclear facility. Mohamed ElBaradei's blunt criticism of the Islamic Republic was notable in representing a

broad convergence with U.S. opinion, which for years was critical of the IAEA for what it perceived as his softness on Iran. Iran also came in for censure with the introduction of a resolution taking Tehran to task on a broad range of issues linked to international concerns that it may be seeking to make nuclear weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dress-scandal student to march in fleshy Carnival parade

Brazilians may be seeing a whole lot more of the student whose short pink dress got her booted from college: She's agreed to march in the nation's famously flesh-baring Carnival parades.

Geisy Arruda, who became an instant celebrity after being heckled by hundreds of fellow students because of her dress, said Thursday she has accepted invitations to participate with samba groups in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

"It will be a dream come true for me," Arruda said just before giving a deposi-



tion to Geisy police Arruda investi-

gating the students who harassed her on Oct. 22 at the University Bandeirante in Sao Bernardo do Campo, just outside Sao Paulo.

Arruda, 20, said she will parade for the Leandro de Itaquera samba school in Sao Paulo, and the Porto da Pedra school in Rio. The Rio and Sao Paulo parades are broadcast live throughout the nation of more than 190 million people. "Sometimes, good things come from bad things," she said.

Many women featured in Carnival dance nearly nude in feathered costumes, but Arruda didn't say how naked she's willing to get.

Porto da Pedra's theme for this year's parade at the Sambadrome will be "What will I wear?" — addressing the evolution of fashion. It wasn't yet known what kind of costume Arruda will wear or if she will be on top of a float.

"I hope to look good," Arruda said, as photographers kept trying to get a good shot of the student who became an Internet sensation after video of what happened at the school appeared on YouTube. She had to put on a professor's white coat and left the campus amid a hail of insults and curses.

The private university expelled Arruda, alleging her provocative attitude, not her dress, caused the near riot. After a national uproar, the university reinstated her.

Arruda has made the circuit of television talks shows in Brazil and has said she is enjoying her fame, but she denied any plans to pose nude for men's magazines. "I don't want to get exposed like that," she said.

Arruda, who was studying tourism, said she hoped to finish her freshman year at Bandeirante and transfer to another school in 2010. But she said she hasn't returned to class because she still fears for her safety.

Her lawyers have asked the university to guarantee her safety, but they say the school has not given any assurance.

"I want to go back, but I'm very scared right now," Arruda said. "Without some help from the university, there is no way I can return. They haven't done anything yet."

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Day of violence kills three in northern Russian towns

RUSSIA Violence in three separate provinces of Russia's North Caucasus left three people dead on Thursday.

The chief of a riot police unit in Dagestan, on the Caspian Sea, was shot by two gunmen as he headed to work in the provincial capital Makha-chkala.

In Ingushetia, west of Chechnya, security forces killed a suspected militant in a gunbattle in a wooded area. Another gunman was wounded but avoided capture. And a bystander died in an exchange of gunfire that ensued when police stopped two suspiciouslooking men in Nalchik, the capital of Kabardino-Balkaria.

Chechnya and the North Caucasus provinces are mired in violence.

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Cold cases can heat up memories



n Monday, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald ran an In Memoriam for Kimber Lucas. Leane voung woman who died Nov. 23, 1994, at the age of 25.

The notice featured a photograph of a strikingly attractive, smiling young woman above a message that read, in part: "You will never be forgotten. Forever loved and missed, Mom, Charles and Ryan."

Lucas was murdered. She was seven months pregnant at the time of her death. Her case is one of 48 murders in Halifax that currently remain unsolved.

Lucas came from a good home, loved sports, did well in school and, at one point, considered a career as a

fashion model. But somewhere along the road, she became addicted to crack cocaine, and that led her into prostitution and petty crime

Before she was murdered. she had talked about getting off the streets.

The question today is whether one of the reasons Lucas' case remains unsolved 15 years later is because she was a prostitute, a woman who, in the parlance, was "known to po-

Last week, I did a story for

The Coast on Halifax's unusually high number of unsolved homicides. As part of my research, I spoke with Halifax Regional Police deputy Chief Chris McNeil.

Essentially, McNeil argues there will always be unsolved homicides and these can usually be "categorized ... many of them deal with individuals involved with the criminal subculture.

In fairness to McNeil, his point was that such cases are harder to solve because potential witnesses won't talk to police. But the reality

is there also seems to be a double standard.

We hear a lot about investigations involving victims the police refer to as "pure victims" — people like 19vear-old Jason McCullough, a straight-arrow kid who shovelled snow for the elderly and was killed in the summer of 1999 simply because he was in the wrong place at the wrong time but very little about what the police are doing to solve cases like Lucas'.

When was the last time investigators dusted off her file and began asking ques-tions? When was the last time anyone talked with Kimber's family about the progress of their investiga-tion? When was the last time police made a public appeal for assistance in the

The fact is — as this week's In Memoriam makes clear — Lucas was someone's daughter. And her family still misses her.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communica-tions Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

Views

Radicalism and racism: Polarities to avoid



With news of the Fort Hood rampage in Texas and the revamped Canadian citizenship guide warning newcomers that "barbaric cul-tural practices" will not be tolerated, conflicting debates about terrorism and our expectations in the West are once again active and will continue to be until we collectively confront the two menacing forces of radicalism and racism.

Both of these variables are alive and well and should invoke a deep horror. Yet those who persistently deny the reality of any one of these insidious evils do so to the peril of our society as a whole.

So let's start with racism. Labelling and stigmatizing people lead to deep divisions within a society and facilitate a hostile environment, not conducive to the positive growth of an increasingly diverse civilization. Many Muslims have been on the receiving end of stigmatization. We need to be clear that the vast majority of Muslims in the West are peace loving. Mus-

lims who regularly attend mosque and read the Qur'an, should not automatically translate into our minds as enemies of our democracy.

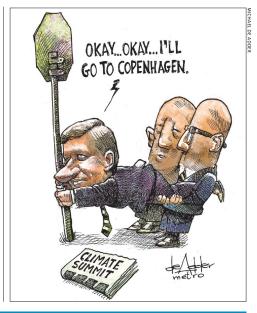
So we need to think twice before exercising discrimination on all people of the Muslim faith.

It is only those Muslims who embrace a militant and extreme ideology rooted in Salafism that we need to be concerned about. Salafism is often used interchangeably with Wahabbism and in its most extreme form, calls for jihad by the sword against all perceived enemies of Islam — particularly the West — and includes the subjugation of women, sometimes brutal.

We cannot afford to import this irrational zeal, which is accepted and encouraged in many parts of the world. We have every right to challenge such ideologies.

It is time for us to make clear distinctions between peace-loving Muslims from those who are radicals Suppressing open discussion and dialogue only serves to drive the evils of racism and radicalism underground where both can flourish to the detriment of all us all.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.



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Eleven longtime Southern Ontario dealers and one from Prince Edward Island filed a statement of claim in Ontario court on Thursday.

The dealers say they want a permanent injunction to prohibit GM from ending their agreements and a declaration entitling them to remain open for at least five vears.

Their claim is seeking unidentified compensatory damages for loss of profit, goodwill, reputation, mar-ket share and business op-

nounced in May that it would close between 240 and 250 dealerships by

portunities because of the alleged breaches plus \$1.5 million in punitive damages for each dealer.

October 2010 when fran-

chise agreements expire.

The claim follows GM's announcement in May that the company would close between 240 and 250 dealerships, or more than onethird of its Canadian store network by the end of Octo-ber 2010 when franchise agreements expire.

More than 200 dealers have accepted wind down agreements and closed their TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Macy's New route for traditional parade

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The Spiderman float is guided across Central Park South during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Thursday in New York. Macy's parade still owns the city's biggest stage — even after going off Broadway. The new 2.65-mile route took clowns, floats and bands from Central Park West to Seventh Avenue before thousands of tourists and balloon-loving New Yorkers. The parade had to be rerouted because parts of Broadway are now closed to vehicular traffic, making floats off-limits.

Consumer confidence drops: Survey

A new survey shows Canadian consumers are feeling less confident in economic recovery and their job secu-

The monthly survey by the Conference Board of Canada shows consumer confidence fell in November, the second month in a

Major worries were job security and personal finances. Just 13.9 per cent of respondents answered positively about their current finances, down one point from October.

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Rogers Communications to cut 900 jobs nationwide

Rogers Communications Inc. says it's laying off about 900 employees across Canada, mostly in

executive and management positions, in "The goal was to an effort to streamline the streamline operations as organization."

grapples Terrie Tweddle, with intensi-Rogers spokeswoman fying compe-

tition. A spokeswoman for the telecommunications and media giant didn't give a precise figure for the number of people affect-

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ed, but said the lavoffs represent three per cent of the company's total workforce 30,000

across the country.

"The goal was streamline the organization, remove the number of layers and enable quick

and faster decision making," said Rogers spokeswoman Terrie Tweddle in an interview Thursday.

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Shell purchases trucks and tractors for oilsands project

Finning International Inc. said Thursday its Canadian division is selling seven Caterpillar mining trucks and nine tractors to Shell Canada Energy. Financial terms of the sale were not immediately available. The trucks and tractors will be delivered later this year to Shell's Albian operations in Alberta's oilsands. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gold miners oppose bill

OPERATIONS Canada's three largest gold miners are criticizing a private member's bill that, if passed, would govern the activities of Canadian companies operating in developing countries. Barrick Gold Corp..

Goldcorp Inc. and Kinross Gold Corp. say Bill C-300, currently before a parliamentary committee, is "unnecessary and damaging to Canadian business."

The bill, brought forward by Liberal MP John McKay, allows the ministers of foreign affairs and international trade to receive environmental or human rights complaints from Cana-

Bill C-300

 According to the bill, if an investigation were to find a company to be in violation of the guidelines set out in the act, the company may be-come ineligible for government support.

izens of the country in question about a Canadian company's internationoperations. The three

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miners say the bill would risk Canadian companies' competitive position, result in reputational

damage, undermine their current collaborative approach to corporate social responsibility and create incentive for multinational companies to relocate outside of Canada.

Scrutiny and even criticism are part of doing business, but must be fair and factual," Barrick spokesman Vince Borg said in a news release.

"The hearings have amply demonstrated how Bill C-300 has become a magnet for false and unsubstantiated allegations from individuals anywhere in the world and do nothing but unduly harm the Canadian mining industry," Borg added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

STEEL Canadian steel producers applauded a preliminary decision by Ottawa to slap a duty on Chinese steel imports, but reaction to a similar move by the U.S. indicates Canadian Chinese trade relations could suffer as a result. Earlier this week, the Canada Border Serv ices Agency made a preliminary determination that certain Chinese steel products have been subsidized or dumped into the Canadian market and imposed a duty of up to 182 per cent.

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Dubai seeks 'standstill' on debt

Just a year after the global downturn derailed Dubai's explosive growth, the city is now so swamped in debt that it's asking for a six-month reprieve on p ing its bills — causing a drop on world markets Thursday and raising questions about Dubai's reputation as a magnet for international investment.

The fallout came swiftly after a Wednesday statement that Dubai's main de-

velopment engine, Dubai World, would ask creditors for a "standstill" on paying back its \$60 billion debt until at least May. The company's real estate arm, Nakheel — whose projects include the palm-shaped island in the Gulf — shoulders the bulk of money due to banks, investment houses and outside development contractors

In total, the state-backed nicknamed networks

No worries for the ruler

 Dubai became the Gulf's biggest credit crunch victim a year ago. But its ruler, Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, had

Dubai Inc. are \$80 billion in the red and the emirate needed a bailout earlier this year from its oil-rich neighbour Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab

continually dismissed concerns over the city-state's liquidity and claims it overreached during the good times.

Emirates.

Markets took the news badly - with the Dubai and the continued fall of the U.S. dollar giving investors twin worries

In Europe, the FTSE 100, Germany's DAX and the CAC-40 in France opened sharply lower. Earlier in Asia, the Shanghai index sank 119.19 points, or 3.6 per cent, in the biggest one-day fall since Aug. 31. Wall Street was closed

for the Thanksgiving holiday and most markets in the Middle East were silent because of a major Islamic feast.

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Huskies earn all-Canadian honours

Three members of the Saint Mary's Huskies football team earned all-Canadian status in Quebec City yesterday. Defensive back Mark Holden, kicker Justin Palardy and offensive lineman Derek Weber cracked the second team. METRO HALIFAX

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Glavic wins Crighton award

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Rookie defenceman Sawyer Hannay started the season in the press box, but has since come a long way.

Racing to catch up

MATTHEW WUEST
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When Sawyer Hannay was vounger, he didn't know much about Cam Russell. But he's been catching up.

The Halifax Mooseheads rookie defenceman has received a crash course on what his head coach was all about during his 10year NHL playing career in the 1990s

'I've seen his videos on YouTube," Hannay said. "It's inspiring watching hard-nosed guys like that play."

The 6-foot-4, 190-pound Hannay is wise to take notes. Russell, who played 396 games with the Black-hawks and Avalanche, was defensive-minded rearguard who took care of his own end first and played with a rugged, physical

Hannay is carving out a similar niche on Halifax's blue-line

"I feel I can learn a lot from him here, watching his old videos and listening to everything he has to say," Hannay said. "I can pick up off it because that's the player I want to

Selected in the sixth round (106th overall) of June's draft, Hannay was described by the Mooseheads' scouts as a "rock 'em, sock 'em guy" who plays with "reckless abandon."

While the 17-year-old isn't tossing opponents around like ragdolls, he makes them pay a physical

At the same time, he has made very few mistakes with and without the puck, playing smartly within his known skating

Home sweet home

Mooseheads host the Quebec Remparts Saturday at 7 p.m. and Bathurst Titan Sunday at 4 p.m. The last-place Mooseheads (5-20-2) are riding a three-game losing streak but have won four straight at home. "We've been playing well at home lately," said defenceman Sawyer Hannay. "Hopefully that can continue.'

After spending the start of the season in the press box, he got a chance when injuries struck and has made it difficult for Russell to take him out of the lineup. He has a goal, two assists, 45 penalty minutes and is minus-1 in 16

ties" between Hannay and himself and said the Moncton native was "a guy we zeroed in on and really wanted" at the draft.

He said Hannay's steady, all-around play is no surprise, but his toughness — such as his willingness to go toe-to-toe with Cape Breton Screaming Eagles tough guy Ashton Bernard in Sydney — has caught him slightly off-guard.

"He's becoming a known guy out there," Russell

"He's getting extra room because he plays physical, plays in your face. He's the kind of player we're look-



Delmas returns to Quebec lineup

GOALIE Bedford's Peter Delmas returned to the Quebec Remparts' lineup from a hip injury and stopped 27 shots in a 2-1 win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in Sydney Thursday.

Delmas, who had been out since Nov. 7, is scheduled to continue to test his hip Saturday against the Halifax Mooseheads at the Metro Centre, according to the Journal de Quebec. The Colorado Avalanche second-round draft choice is trying to decide whether or not to have surgery.

Knotek likely to be competing at world juniors

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SELECTION It's all but official that Tomas Knotek will compete at another world junior championship next month.

The Halifax Mooseheads captain said he received an email from the Czech Republic's head coach indi-cating that he will join the team for training camp in

Regina on Dec. 17. The roster hasn't been announced yet so the 19-year-old doesn't want to get ahead of himself, but there's little doubt he will be back after scoring three goals and two assists in six games en route to a sixthplace finish in Ottawa last

"It's in Canada again and I'll be lucky to have competed for two years here, he said. "It would be pretty

Knotek, last year's team MVP, has again been the Herd's best player this season. He leads the team in scoring with 14 goals and 12 assists for 26 points in 26 games and is fifth among all QMJHL skaters with 109 shots on goal.



Mooseheads captain Tomas Knotek

Sports in brief

JUNIOR A HOCKEY Kyle Dilosa had two goals and an assist as the Halifax Lions beat the Amherst Ramblers 5-2 in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action at the Forum Thursday. The Lions are 7-10-2, last in the Bent Division.

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Sosa sued by businessman in Dominican Republic

Sammy Sosa is being sued for \$203,000 US by a businessman in the Dominican Republic who says the former major-leaguer owes him for — among other things — commission on a house sale. The man also alleges that Sosa has not paid him for a luxury watch, and for getting Reggaeton singer Don Omar to perform at Sosa's 41st birthday party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grey Cup a story of valiant teams

"(The Riders) are



he vast majority of those millions who will tune in to watch the 97th Grey Cup classic on TV won't know a single player's name on either team prior to the kickoff. But that's not the point Sure, Anthony Calvillo of the Alouettes has been a stalwart CFL quarterback for many seasons and his Roughrider coun counterpart emerged as a bona fide star to deliver Saskatchewan to the cusp of gridiron glory yet again.

neither of However, these personalities, nor any of those who will take the field at Calgary's McMahon Stadium can come close to eclipsing the magnetism of their respective squads.

It's what makes the Grey Cup different and gives it heightened drama.

The team's the paramount thing and the success of the November spectacle will rest upon a tale

woven by helmeted representatives of vast- football's version of ly different a prairie David to ties which the Goliaths of co-exist in a eastern Canada." big country.

The Roughriders are the

perennial long shots.
They are football's version of a prairie David to the Goliaths of eastern Canada The club from Saskatchewan is publicly

owned and its many investors have much more than an imaginary stake in outcome

match. Only three times in 17 tries have the "Green Ridcaptured ers" the coveted chalice.

Then again, the role of underdog charmingly adds to their mystique.

Meantime, Montreal's football team draws its nickname from a bird in Ouebecois folklore.

The Alouettes, like the

mythical Phoenix, have risen from the ashes to ward off extinction and make the CFL strong again in French-speaking Canada. Along with an agonizing absence from 1987 to 1996 and a subsequent rise to power, the Als hatched a huge interest in collegiate and community football in the province. They have repaid their followers with consistent competitiveness if not Grey Cup champi-onships — just five victo-

ries in 16 tries. So who to root for? Perhaps the answer is both teams.

After all that's the lure of the Grey Cup classic isn't it? It's all about a game, which has the ability to soar above rudimentary statistical analysis and a handful of star players who play for multi-million dollar contracts.

The magic to be found in the Grey Cup has to do with valiant teams and the contribution they make to this country's fabled, football history.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Nestor, Zimonjic close with victory

TENNIS Canadian Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimoniic closed out a successful season with a 6-4, 7-6 (9) group-play win Thursday over India's Mahesh Bhupathi and Mark Knowles of the Bahamas at the ATP World Tour Finals.

The victory salvages some pride for the duo, which had already been eliminated from semifinal contention at the year-end tournament after dropping a second roundrobin match Tuesday.

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Sports in brief

ATP Andy Murray wasted 12 of 13 break points before overcoming Fernando Verdasco 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3) Thursday to close in on a semifinal spot at the ATP World Tour Finals. The result eliminates Verdasco from the tournament after his third straight round-robin loss. FUNERAL Basketball star

Shaquille O'Neal paid for the funeral of a five-year-old North Carolina girl after being moved by national news coverage of the case of Shaniya Davis, who police say was kidnapped and killed. The Cleveland Cavaliers player was touched by the stories he saw and got in touch with the family to see what he could do to help, a

spokeswoman for O'Neal said Thursday.

NFL The Pittsburgh Steelers

have met with experienced quarterbacks Patrick Ramsey and Todd Bouman, a sign that injured backup Charlie Batch might be out longer than the team first expected. Batch broke his left wrist in Kansas City on Sunday, leaving secondyear quarterback Dennis Dixon as the only backup to starter Ben Roethlisberger on the 53man roster. Former Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko is on the practice squad.

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Men's world curling championships back in Regina

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Leap of faith' on Canadian pays off for Als

GREY CUP PREVIEW



A feel-good story of Grey Cup week is the Saskatchewan Roughriders use of four Canadian receivers, but the Montreal Alouettes have a ratio-changer of their own in linebacker Shea Emry.

The 23-year-old from Richmond, B.C., played almost exclusively on special teams as a rookie last season, but hard work in the off-season and a strong training camp won him the job of starting middle linebacker.

The six-foot, 235-pounder

will be in that spot when the Alouettes face the Roughriders in the Grey Cup game Sunday.

The coaches kind of took a leap of faith in giving me the job right out of camp and I jumped at the opportunity and did my best," Emry said Thursday.

'... I just wanted to make sure my teammates respected me for my game. Once I



started making a couple of plays, that's all I wanted to do. And gradually I got better and better."

The Alouettes wanted to

man-to-man coverage from their defence this season and part of that was to change the group of linebackers.

Diamond Ferri Only stayed put, while Emry moved into the middle and Chip Cox moved to linebacker from defensive back. with rookie Ramon Guzsubstituting during

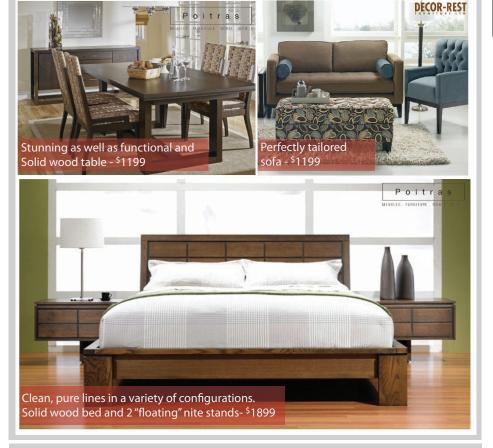
They contributed to a defence that was best in the league this season, leading in 21 of the 25 defensive statistical categories the CFL keeps. Its 324 points allowed was 104 fewer than the next-best team, Hamilton, and it gave up nearly 400 fewer rushing yards than any other club.

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Lions maintain losing tradition



The Detroit Lions used to take a lot of pride in playing on U.S. Thanksgiving.

Lately, the Lions have been getting embarrassed when the nation tunes in to watch them.

Aaron Rodgers matched a career high with three

touchdown Charles Woodson grabbed two of his team's four interceptions, giving the Green Bay Packers a 34-12 win over Detroit. The Lions have lost six straight games on the holiday, setting a franchise record.

Before its recent slide, Detroit won four straight and nine of 12 on Thanksgiving before ex-general manager Matt Millen arrived in 2001 and made a lacklustre franchise awful.

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Family is torn apart by posttraumatic stress in Brothers



Adam Lambert discusses the controversy surrounding him



Nico Archembault channels dancer Nureyev in biopic



Viggo Mortesen stars in Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel-turned-movie The Road, about a man wandering across America with his young son in search of food, shelter and a trace of hope in a post-apocalyptic world.



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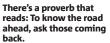
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The Road

Director: John Hillcoat Stars: Viggo Mortensen Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🏶

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But what if the few that are travelling said passage-way are only thieves and cannibals? That is the primarily the predicament that a pair of post-apocalypse survivors face in The Road.

For those uneducated in McCarthy's Cormac Prize-winning Pulitzer novel-turned-movie, The Road is a kind of a zombie movie without the zombies: A man (Oscar-nomi-Viggo Mortensen)

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wanders across America with his young son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) in search of food, shelter and a trace of hope in an otherwise bleak, desolate world.

As the pair travel by foot across a deserted interstate highway heading the unknown west for wishful repose, they discover faith only in each other while stumbling across occasional survivors that display the precarious virtue of humanity.

As with McCarthy's novel, there's no clear explana-tion as to what happened to the modern world.

Suffice it to say that Earth is now a destroyed wasteland - twisted metal



Viggo Mortensen plays a father wandering around a post-apocalyptic America with his son in The Road

litters the streets, forests have fallen and the sky is painted an oppressive smoky grey. For this rea-son, hiring director John Hillcoat (The Proposition) was a clever choice. When

comes to setting tone, Hillcoat is the Nick Drake of cinematography.

But while he defiantly

captures the dystopian look and feel, the Australian auteur still struggles with transposing the acclaimed novel into its cinematic counterpart.

While Mortensen is captivating even with a sparse amount of dialogue and action, the rambling structure of the film will lack the pacing needed to deliver enough thrills for most fidgety filmgoers.

Drive with caution, The Road ahead is a heavy

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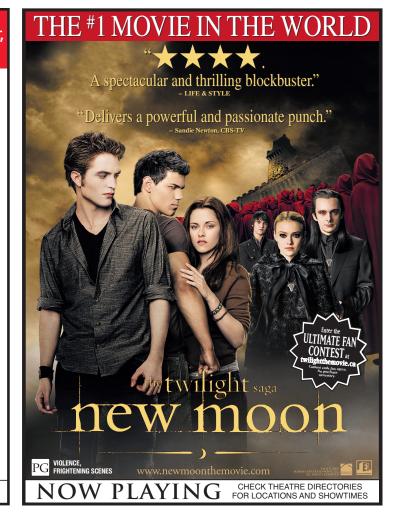
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Alba goes Belgian

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Brothers in harm

Director makes bold casting choices

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

Director Jim Sheridan burst onto the scene with the Oscar-winning My Left Foot in 1989 and since then has produced an eclectic body of work including In The Name Of The Father, the autobiographical In America, and the 50 Cent epic

Get Rich Or Die Trying. His latest movie is Brothers, a remake of the 2004 Danish film of the same name about a family torn apart by war and post-traumatic stress disorder.

For Sheridan it was his first remake and as such a project that he walked into somewhat trepidatious-

ly.
"I wasn't consciously trying to make my movie different," Sheridan told Metro. "I was only trying to answer questions in the original movie that were interesting to me."

Jim Sheridan's version of the film is - typical of his work — more family-oriented, focusing on how surviving a painful and spiritually challenging POW experience could change a soldier to the extent that his family can

Movie **feature**

barely recognize him when he returns home. In the film, that soldier

is played by Spider-Man himself. Tobey Maguire in a crecasting choice that simply works audibecause ences would never anticipate that Maguire would go through such brutal psychological changes.

made specifically by Sheri-

dan to play with audience expectations.

'That's why we cast Tobey, that no one would expect it," revealed Sheridan.

That casting approach was also applied to the role of Maguire's ex-con brother who surpris-

ingly played by the typically gentle Jake Gyllenhaal. "Jake is often thought of as lovable centre-ofattention character," said Sheridan.
"I found it inter-

esting to cast him as the Brothers edgy ex-con just to play opens in with that theatres image. Some peodon't ple want to buy these actors in different roles like this, but I always It was a casting decision find it interesting. I think they're both very honest



Tobey Maguire, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal star in Brothers.

performers. This creative use of ac-

tors is typical of Sheridan, who is a filmmaker not

> particularly interested in visual spectacle, but in creating actor-fo-cused films cused that strive for interesting spins on reality rather than

fantasy. "I try to create a humanist set where the actors are

important and the people are important, vealed the director.

"Rather than creating a universe where vou're visually oriented, I'm more interested in capturing an emotional universe, which is invisible. I look for moments that are only going to appear once and

are fleeting.
"I think that visuals can get in the way of that. So I just try to keep things simple."

It's a directorial approach that has served Jim Sheridan well throughout his career and can be felt in every scene of the subtly moving Brothers.

Expect to see the title pop up quite in the media as awards season rolls around.





Gabourney Sidibe, left, and Mo'Nique star in Precious: Based on the novel Push by Sapphire.

Fantasy set-piece ludicrous

Precious: Based on the novel Push by Sapphire

Director: Lee Daniels Stars: Gabourney Sidibe, Mo'Nique

Classification: STC Rating: @1/2

An Audience Award winner at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Precious rolls back into town with the hype machine at full blast. At this point, a Best **Picture nomination looks** like a fait accompli.

Which doesn't mean that the film, a fact-based account of Job-like misery as experienced by teenage girl in late 80s Harlem, is a worthy piece of work.

Precious comes advertised with adjectives like "harrowing," and it is, but the discomfort mostly stems from director Lee Daniels' willingness — and even eagerness — to revel in grotesque urban-nightmare imagery.

Over the course of the film, 16-year old Precious (Gabby Sidibe), who has already born two children by her own father, is subjected to an unending stream of verbal and physical abuse, most of it stemming from her ornery, shut-in (Mo'Nique).

After enrolling in a spe-ial education class presided over by a pretty, supportive young teacher (Paula Patton), Precious feels her first stirrings of — which is the hope film's cue to cut her back down with extreme prejudice

The fantasy set-piece where Precious is surrounded by archivalfootage avatars of African-American achievers would be insulting if it wasn't so

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Emperor Of Horror Wes Craven may be directing the fourth instalment of Scream. The franchise's main Screamer, Neve Campbell says, "I'm pretty sure at this stage that Wes Craven is back on board to direct." EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Chinese Oscars heat up

An Australia-based director's romance, a
Taiwanese family drama
and the story of a Chinese
peasant guarding a cow
are the unlikely trio of top
contenders at the Chineselanguage equivalent of
the Oscars to be

announced on Saturday.
Jurors for this year's Gold-

punds for his year solderen Horse Awards in Taiwan pushed aside several of the year's blockbusters in favour of art-house films. Movies like Jackie Chan's Shinjuku Incident, John Woo's historical epic Red Cliff II and the biopic of Bruce Lee's kung fu teacher, Ip Man, weren't among the leading nominees.

Instead, Clara Law's Like a Dream bagged nine nominations, Leon Dai's No Pudeo Vivir Sin Ti had eight and Guan Hu's Cow seven. The three films are vying for best pictures honours against Tsai Mingliang's Face — the latest offering from the Malaysian-Chinese director known for minimal dialogue and music — and Chinese films.

Ang Lee presenter

• U.S.-based Oscar-winning director Ang Lee will serve as a presenter for his home country's top movie awards ceremony, as will Hong Kong actress Maggie Cheung, who is making a rare appearance during an extended break from filmmaking.

maker Ning Hao's Crazy Racer.

Law, Dai, Guan and Tsai are also candidates for best director.

The best actor nominees are Daniel Wu, who played a Chinese-American man who travels to China to look for his imaginary love in Like a Dream; Chen Wen-pin from No Pudeo Vivir Sin Ti, the story of a working-class father who tries to retain custody of his 7-year-old daughter; Huang Bo from Cow, which follows a Chinese peasant who protects a dairy cow from Japanese invaders, and Nick Cheung from the action thriller

The Beast Stalker

The best actress competition will see a showdown between two of China's top actresses — Zhou Xun and Li Bingbing. Both women received nods for their performances in The Message. The other contenders are Sandrine Pinna from the drama Yang Yang and Yolanda Yuan from Like a Dream.

The Message is one of the few major commercial releases that racked up at least a few nominations. The Chinese spy thriller is also up for best screenplay adaptation, best visual effects, best art direction and best makeup and costume design.

Another high-profile production, Chen Kaige's Mei Lanfang, also missed out on the top prizes. The famed Chinese director's profile of late Peking Opera star Mei Lanfang was nominated for best supporting actor, best supporting actress, best new performer and best makeup and costume design.

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Pitt backing Dark Void

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Reliance Big Entertainment and Brad Pitt's Plan B are developing a film version of the upcoming Capcom video game Dark Void, with Pitt in negotiations to star as the lead. IMDE.COM



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Ninja films gold mine of great action



f the name Shô Kosugi

doesn't conjure up im-

nunchucks or twirling

throwing stars then

your knowledge of ninja

films probably doesn't ex-

tend much further than

Teenage Mutant Ninja Tur-

Kosugi is the godfather of

the modern ninja film, a

Japanese martial artist who,

during the 1980s, used his mad ninjitsu skills to battle

every movie bad guy from

evil terrorists to Mafia thugs

and even possessed break

rior" craze petered out in the early '90s Kosugi be-

came a star on Japanese TV

and created a workout regi-

When the "invisible war-

tles.

dancers.

whirling

movie called Rage of Honor."

"Acting isn't why you buy a ticket to see a

men called Ninjaerobics.

This week, however, he returns to the big screen in Assassin, playing Ozunu, head of a dangerous cult that turns orphans into blood thirsty killing machines.

The movie that kicked off ninja mania was 1981's Enter the Ninia, a wild bmovie that features 19 minutes of hardcore ninja action in the first 20 minutes.

Kosugi is an evil ninia hired to take down a virtuous "white ninja" (Franco Nero, who didn't do any of his own fight scenes), who is protecting a friend's Philippine plantation.

The body count is high - 36 people get ninjaed, including one security guard who falls victim to the dreaded "mosquito spikes" — and even though the acting is terrible and the jokes a little

flat it has, nonetheless, been described by one nin-ja fan as "fantastic crap."

Probably the most outlandish of the original '80s wave of ninja flicks is Ninja III: The Domination, which features a lead character described as completely normal, aside from her "exceptional extrasensory perception and preoccupation with Japanese culture.

In this one, an evil ninja attempts to avenge his death from beyond the grave, by possessing an innocent woman's body.

Ninja III is packed with cool stunts — a throwing star is tossed by some very limber ninja toes - and we learn that a ninja can transfer his soul through his sword to another person.

Besides outrageous ninja action, the only thing these movies have in common is stiff acting, but acting isn't why you buy a ticket to see a movie called Rage of Honor. If you want good acting look up Phillip Seymour Hoffman, but if take on a pick-up truck and win or slice a bad guv in half (sending his legs to and his torso fro), then Shô Kosugi is your man.

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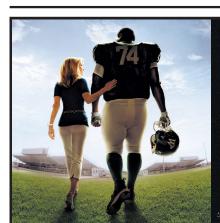
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1. Battle Studies, John Mayer; 2. My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli; 3. The Fall, Norah Jones; 4. Until the Whole World Hears, Casting Crowns; 5. Before I Self-Destruct, 50 Cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Centre of the storm

Controversy surrounds release of Adam Lambert's new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

Before last Sunday, Adam Lambert was famous for two things: Being the first openly gay American Idol contestant and losing the Idol title he clearly should have won.

But after an over-the-top American Music Awards performance — he kissed his male keyboardist and participated in a simulated sex act — he's suddenly become the most controversial artist in the music

"I figured it would have got some reaction," says Lambert on the phone from New York. "But I didn't think it would get to this level."

While the spiky-haired singer didn't want to offend the AMA's television audience, and he says it wasn't pre-meditated, he does admit that he was 'going with the motions, in the spirit of rock 'n' roll and I was having a good time

His performance got him booted from a Good Morning America appearance, and he may have alienated some of his more wholesome fans, but if Lambert really was channeling the spirit of rock''n' roll, he knows that controversy can do

wonders for album sales. His new disc, For Your Entertainment, was re-leased earlier this week, so it's too early to tell if his stunt has paid off at the cash register (is

any doubt?), but it may not have needed the extra boost. The disc is easily the most eclectic post-Idol record ever released. It pays homage everyone from Oueen and David Bowie to Gaga, who co-wrote some tracks on the album.

The title tune, known as that song from the AMAs, is full of sexual innuendo — "Can you handle what I'm 'bout to do? Cause it's about to get rough for you," he sings -

now



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but Lambert wants people to know that it's the only hedonistic tune on the disc

of artist I'm going to be." Problem is, it's not the

er American Idol contestants at least two or three albums to do - he's developed his own identi-

> It may be a polarizing one, but he admits, that's with

> > "People love

me or hate me and that's the way it will be for the rest of my career," he says.

That love-

ty.

ship is made a bit more complex, however, because he is

gay. He knows a lot of Americans are still uncomfortable with the idea. "People say 'we're ready for it'." he explains, "but when it (actually happens) they're not ready."

Of course, that's not go-

"If anything can be said about my performance on American Idol is that it was different from week to week and I plan on conducting my career in the same way. I have a lot more tricks up my sleeve."

Billboard's top albums

Adam Lambert

ing to stop him from playing, and performing, the way he wants to. "If anything can be said about my performance on American Idol is that it was different from week to week and I plan on conducting my career in the same way," he says. "I have a lot more tricks up my sleeve."

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"That's the one song on the album dealing with a sex thing," says the articulate artist, almost defensively. "That's the one thing I'm concerned about. I don't want people to assume that's the kind

themed song. In the Gagapenned Fever he sings about a threesome, and other songs can be taken a number of different ways But really, who cares? done thing that takes most oth-

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hat you're about to read is not something cooked up by some whacko group of conspiracy theorists.

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Obama administration on "national security" rea-sons, some details on AC-TA have leaked out.

• ISPs will be turned into copyright cops and be required by law to filter out anything they think might be pirated material. This will mean monitoring sites that offer usercreated material. Given the enormity and complexity of that requirement, consider the chill that will cast over music sites, even perfectly legal ones. Could many of them be forced out of business? What about bands who give away music?

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that Canada is on America's "priority watch list" because they think we're pirates on the magnitude of China, Russia and Indonesia, I'm nervous.

Who's behind this? We're not sure. Canadian record labels were "consulted" but haven't been involved in the final negotiations.

Bottom line is that AC-TA could be in place by 2010 and you won't be able to do a damn thing about it. Federal trade agreements don't require parliamentary approval. One signature from the appropriate government representative and it's the law. Be afraid. Very afraid.

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Canadian dancer brings sex appeal, talent to Nureyev role

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Filmmaker Moze
Mossanen brings international intrigue and artistic
genius together in his new
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Nureyev, about the great
Russian dancer who
famously, dangerously defected in a Paris airport
during the Cold War, and
then revolutionized ballet
in the West while evading
Soviet recapture.

Rudolf Nureyev's wild elfin beauty, his genius and his limitless technique present a self-evident casting nightmare, but lithe Nico Archembault, winner of 2008's So You Think You Can Dance competition, has the necessary talent and the charismatic handsomeness.

Still, playing Nureyev is a daunting task.

"He remade the male dancer's role," says Archembault by phone. "Before Nureyev, men on stage were mostly props that women danced around. Nureyev changed everything. He was physically one of the greatest dancers who ever lived, and he was also mysterious yet flamboyant."

Archembault is an all-round dancer, a master of many styles, but moving into the purely ballet realm is tough. Professionals can spend a decade or more getting some of those moves right. Ballet makes some unique demands on the body that modern and jazz styles don't require.

Luckily, Archembault, who recently danced in a Janet Jackson video, has a complete background to build upon for the challenge of performing as Nureyev, including classical ballet.

"Ballet has been part of my routine all my life," he says, "it's always been part of my warm up and my work out. And since I got the role, I've been concentrating on ballet, with lots of private lessons."

"(Rudolf Nureyev) was physically one of the greatest dancers who ever lived."

Nico Archembault

Those lessons will be put to the test: co-starring is The Na-Nureyev tional Ballet's Principal airs on Dancer, Greta Hodgkinson. Bravo! on Any slip-ups or Tuesday half-gestures by Archembault will be hugely magnified by her flawless technique. This will be part of the story seeing Archembault por-

yev dancers, deserving equal time in the spotlight, which is

spotlight, which is still a newish concept in classical ballet. Nureyev the man also represents

nureyev the man also represents more than skills and technical brilliance — as a de-

fector from the U.S.S.R, which historically treasured its dancers, Nureyev has always been synonymous with defiant individuality.

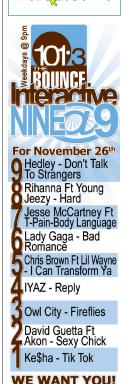
"He escaped a brutal regime," Archembault says appreciably, "when there was huge pressure for Russian artists to conform to the state. But if you suppress all individuality then nothing new is ever created."



So You Think You Can Dance Canada winner Nico Archembault embodies famed dancer Rudolf Nureyev in the new Bravo! biopic.



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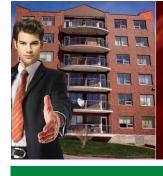
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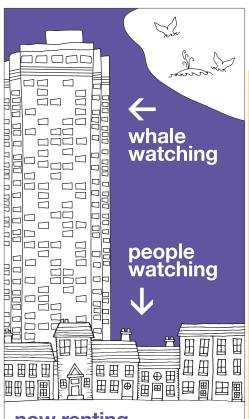
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Going Out

Lady Gaga tackles her monster

Love her or hate her, no one can remain insensitive to the charm of Lady Gaga. Wednesday, the American songstress released The Fame Monster, her collectors album. Metro World News caught up with 2009's biggest pop phenomenon.

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You are releasing a album called The Fame Monster, which is a reedition of you album the Fame, why should people buy it?

For the eight new tracks. The Fame Monster is like a work of art - I wanted to create something that went above and beyond music. I also attached a lot of importance to the photos on the album cover.

The pictures were taken by Frenchman Hedi Slimane. How do you manage to have such an individual sense of style yet create music that is loved and listen to be everyone?

Anyone can appreciate my music but I only work with certain people. For example, it is the director of I Am Legend Francis Lawrence which filmed the video for Bad Romance and I am about to work with British photographer Nick Knight.

You are a considered a global icon, is that something you find hard to deal

cat Dolls and Britney Spears. Is that something you would still consider doing?

Not really to be honest. I always saw that as a way to develop my own career.

You are only 23 years old, with a hugely successful album and career. How do vou see the near future?

Not at all. I have always known what I was getting myself into and the consequences my actions would have. Nowadays, you cannot be an anonymous popstar, unless you are incredibly stupid. If my success keeps going strong, I know exactly where I'm going and I love every minute of it.

You began your music career writing for the Pussy-

I am an artist before anything else. I would love to invest my time into learning different forms

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Hev. as long as she's not using it for singing

Avril Lavigne has her own and everyone else's tongues wagging after she was spotted kissing a mystery man in New York, reports RadarOnline.com. Lavigne was seen passionately making out with him on Tuesday. METRO WORLD NEWS



Celebrity Buzz

Celebrity tweets

Neil Patrick Harris wants a nomination but is afraid to ask for it, John Cleese wants his fans to show more devotion, and Sandra Bernhard has to replenish 🥌 6 Thanksgiving dessert

supplies. @ActualNPH COUGH! COUGH! people's choiceCOUGH! awardCOUGH! Sorry, must be allergies...

@JohnCleese Why aren't there more lookalikes of me? Rush out, and get surgery now!

 @SandraBernhard honey we are baking another pumpkin pie because we were up all night stealing pieces eating and going back to sleep

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Kellan's playground kiss-and-tell

IT'S OK IF THIS STORY MAKES YOU FEEL A BIT CREEPY Twilight hunk Kellan Lutz has always been a hit with the ladies, ever since his very first kiss at the tender age of seven, femalefirst.co.uk

The 24-year-old actor, a former model, confesses he locked lips with a girl for the first time during a playground game of truth or dare - and his technique was a winner from the start. He tells Peo-ple.com, "I was playing truth or dare when I had my first kiss. I was probably seven. I learned to hold the girl and I won as best



CBS 'double standard' over Adam Lambert smooch angers GLAAD

and Britney yes, Adam Lambert and male keyboardist no?

On Wednesday's Early Show appearance by Lambert, producers blurred the singer's open-mouth kiss

with a male keyboardist during his controversial performance at Sunday's AMAs. Seconds later, an

na smooching Britney Spears at the 2003 MTV VMAs ran.

What gives? A CBS rep explains: "We gave this some real

thought. The Madonna image is very familiar and has appeared countless times including many times on morning television. The Adam Lambert image is a

subject of great current consy, has not been

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT

MAALOX Cameron Diaz ac-

tually enjoys the aging process, she admits to

"I love getting older! I feel

more self-possessed, which

I think allows you to be

. Look magazine.

nearly as widely disseminated, and for all we know, may still lead to legal consequences.

Jarrett Barrios, President of GLAAD, called the edits "an unfortunate double standard that is applied to openly gay performers."

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the innocence of youth?"

she asks. "The thing to envy in young people is not

but their in-

cence."

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Rihanna's advice on dealing with rumours

IIMRRFII A-HA-HA-HA hanna admits that all the speculation from earlier in her career that she was having an affair with Jay-Z had a deep effect on her, and spills the beans on how she was able to overcome reading nasty rumours about herself in the tabloids.

"It was like, 'Of course she had to give Jay-Z oral sex to get that deal.

"That rumour was every where in Barbados and it was so disgusting," the singer says, according to Yahoo! News

But advice from Jay-Z himself was

helped her move past all the press.

One day, he called and he was like, 'Yo, you can't buy into these rumours. You can't let people move you with anything they

say, she remembers. "The rumours got very funny to me after that. METRO WORLD NEWS

Love blasts Spears' dad

STEP AWAY FROM THE TWIT-TER... Courtney Love is taking to her Twitter account again, alleging that Britney Spears was molested by her father. "Britney's dad molested her," she writes. "Imagine the father that molested vou owning vou for slavery while you're forced to sing songs picked for their

sexual content everv night. Insane right?" METRO WORLD

big

more sexy, more confi-WORLD dent. It's also natural that NEWS as I get older I play mothers and wives and be part of different kinds of films.

Diaz dishes on aging

The Charlie's Angels stars also thinks that the obsession with youth is misguided. Women are obsessed with

looking young,

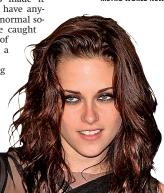
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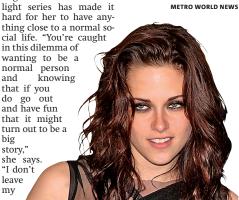
Twilight star continues to bemoan the celebrity life

YEAH... STILL DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR YOU Kristen Stewart admits that the huge success of the Twilight series has made it hard for her to have anything close to a normal social life. "You're caught in this dilemma of wanting to be a normal person and knowing that if you do

hotel room. That's the only

way toavoid being followed."





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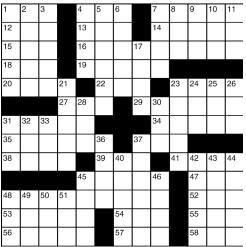








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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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at sea

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35 Wicked

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39 Have bills

41 Aquarium

45 Pirate ship

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On the web

DID YOU HAVE A TRADITIONAL THANKS GIVING?

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1 Pageant winner's topper 2 Building wing 3 Giraffe's cousin 4 Legendary TV clown 5 Tolerates 6 Certain Indian 7 Open some 8 Large cask 9 Conclusion 10 Salt Lake athlete 11 Crony 17 Flowerless plant 21 Roundtree

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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YEAH! FOOTBALL FOOTBALL AND MORE FOOTBALL!

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Metro Recipe of the Day

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Hasty Haddock with Tomato and **Red Onion Salsa**

INGREDIENTS:

1 red onion, halved and thinly sliced 4 tomatoes, halved and cores removed 1/4 tsp (1 ml) crushed chili flakes

1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped candied ginger 1 tsp (5 ml) sugar 1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato paste

1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil 4 haddock fillets

METHOD:

1. Separate onion slices into shreds and put into bowl. Thinly slice tomatoes and add to bowl Sprinkle in chili flakes, ginger and sugar, then stir in tomato paste and vinegar with seasoning to taste. Stir in 2 tbsp (25 ml) of olive oil and set aside. Preheat broiler to high. Lightly oil broiler pan, then add haddock portions, skin side up, and brush with a little of remaining oil. Cook 3 minutes. Turn fish, brush with remaining oil and cook 3 minutes or until cooked through.
3. Divide salsa among four

plates and lay haddock portions on top. Garnish with mustard and cress and serve immediately. aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Sort out your money situation today. You don't have to be too ruthless about it but you do have to make serious changes.

LIBRA **SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Yes you can, if you wish, make a drama out of a crisis, but what good would it do you? Your best response is no response at all

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 What occurs today will take you by surprise and maybe even test your faith in someone you thought you could trust. Stand back from the situation

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

Your opinions about certain issues are likely to be somewhat confused. Don't worry: come the weekend you'll know all the answers again.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Do you go out and have fun or stay in and get some work done today? If you are smart you will sacrifice short-term enjoyment for long-term fun.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

In your rush to get things done today there is a danger that you could be a bit rough in the way you deal with other people. Don't be so harsh.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

You have thought long and hard about what you want to do with your life - now you must make a decision and, having made it, stick to it.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20 Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs property, investments and joint finances may incline you to take risks. Be cautious.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Something will happen today that shocks you. In return you will do something that shocks other people because it is completely out of character.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in one of the more abrasive areas of your chart urges you to be careful when dealing with people in positions of power.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22 Your schedule and your working routine is likely to be disrupted today and, to say the least, you won't be happy about it. Be flexible.

PISCES FFR 19-MARCH 20

You don't have the time to play games and anyone who avoids giving you a straight answer deserves to will feel the rough edge of your tongue.

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This day in history

1778: An expedition led by James Cook reached Maui, the second largest of the Hawaiian Islands.

1842: The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, USA, was founded as an all-male institution by members of the Roman Catholic Congregation of Holy Cross.

1942: World War II: Josip Broz Tito and the Yugoslav Partisans convened the first meeting of the Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Yugoslavia

2008: A coordinated group of shooting and bombing attacks across Mumbai began, ultimately killing a total of 173 people and wounding more than 300 others. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Turkey Chili

INGREDIENTS:

1 each onion, carrot and celery stalk, chopped 500 ml (2 cups) each cored, chopped apples and diced butternut squash 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped 500 g (1 lb) ground turkey, cooked 30 ml (2 tbsp) chili powder 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground cumin

5 ml (1 tsp) dried oregano 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each salt and freshly ground pepper 1 can (284 ml/10 oz) undi-

1 can (284 ml/10 oz) undiluted chicken broth 1 can (400 ml/15 oz) light coconut milk 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato paste 250 ml (1 cup) canned black beans, drained and

Coconut flakes and cilantro, for garnish

rinsed

- Combine all ingredients (except garnishes) in slow cooker
- Cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or on low for 8 to

Metro Recipes of the Day





Turkey Chili, left, will warm you on those cold days while Apple-Pear Upside Down Cake, right, is a perfect finish to any meal.

- 10 hours
- Serve with rice or
- mashed potatoes.
 You can Use 1 1 (4 cups) diced cooked turkey or chicken in place of ground turkey. Open lid for last 45 minutes of cooking to thicken, if desired. Mash the squash with the back of a wooden spoon to thicken

further. MAKES 8 TO 10 SERVINGS

Apple-Pear Upside Down Cake

INSIDE INGREDIENTS:

50 ml (1/4 cup) butter 125 ml (1/2 cup) lightly packed brown sugar 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped toasted pecans

2 fresh apples 1 firm but ripe pear CAKE INGREDIENTS:

375 ml (1 1/2 cups) allpurpose flour 175 ml (3/4 cup) granulated sugar 5 ml (1 tsp) baking

powder 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each baking soda, cinnamon and ground ginger 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt 75 ml (1/3 cup) butter, softened

1 egg 175 ml (3/4 cup) buttermilk 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla

METHOD:

Grease bottom and sides

of 2.5-l (9-inch) square

Take Five

- Add butter and melt in a
- 180 C (350 F) oven.
 Stir in brown sugar and spread evenly in pan;
- spread evenly in pan; sprinkle with pecans. • Peel, core and thinly
- slice apples and pear, slicing pear horizontally; toss together and arrange evenly over sugar mixture.
- Cake: In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and salt.
- Add butter, egg, buttermilk and vanilla.
- With electric mixer, beat at low speed until moistened; beat at medium speed for 1 minute, scraping side of bowl.
 Spoon over fruit and spread evenly.
- Bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for about 45 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean.
- Let cool on rack for 10 minutes.
- Run knife around edge of cake and carefully invert onto plate, replacing any bits that may stick to pan. Serve warm. MAKES 8 TO 10 SERVINGS

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